

ATTACHMENT 2

To: Members, Water Use Efficiency Subcommittee
From: Tom Gohring
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Re: Update: WUE-Related Activities

Attached please find a table providing brief updates on key WUE-related activities.

CALFED Water Use Efficiency Program		
Schedule, Priorities & Progress To-Date for Reports to BDPAC		
Item		Progress To-Date (as of 5/5/03)
Topics Expected to Require Full Discussion at BDPAC		
1.	WUE Finance Proposal (including recommendations for distribution of funding across WUE components)	* WUE Subcommittee reviewed, revised and finalized Policy Principles and Associated Activities at January 2003 meeting. Document to be distributed by WUE Subcommittee co-chairs as informational item to BD-PAC * Initiating follow-on discussions related to development of CALFED-wide long-term finance plan
2.	Establish Agricultural WUE Milestones Comprehensive and supportable assurances of high agricultural water use efficiency	* Final Staff Proposal discussed as part of BD-PAC overall balance discussions in December; staff directed to undertake work associated with tracking milestones
3.	A consensus definition of appropriate measurement of water use and, as necessary, draft legislation	* Urban Water Use Measurement Work Group convened in March to develop definition of appropriate measurement; discussions expected to last through June. Staff tracking legislative discussions related to AB306. * Ag Panel met, via teleconference, in early April to review status of technical work and outline final approach to developing definition of appropriate measurement; public workshops related to ag measurement expected in late May * Preliminary definitions for both ag and urban expected in summer 2003, with public workshops and CALFED stakeholder and Agency decision-making deliberations to follow
4.	Recommendation on a credible, draft certification process ("framework") for urban BMPs; may be paired with recommendations on ag WUE assurances. (Implementation issues, such as Program-wide balance, to be addressed within BD-PAC.)	* Discussed briefly at BD-PAC December meeting; staff directed to move forward with outstanding technical tasks * Further discussions with Authority leadership, key agencies required to resolve issues related to, among other things, regulatory nature of proposed approach and adequacy of incentives
5.	Methods and approaches for integrating WUE with the CALFED Science Program (including development of performance measures and adaptive management methods for WUE) and CALFED's water management strategy	* Work Group convened in November to discuss elements necessary to incorporate into the WUE Program broad outlines of approach agreed to * Significant progress in several key areas, including: DWR convening first meeting of WUE Science Application Committee; Authority WUE Program Manager moving to constitute Science Review Panel; DWR spearheading discussions related to past/future conservation estimates
6.	Comprehensive 4-year WUE evaluation	* Pending; WUE Science Panel expected to help develop process
Topics Requiring Abbreviated Discussion at BDPAC		
A)	Selection criteria and priorities for incentive program (Loans and Grants)	* Draft criteria and priorities discussed with WUE Subcommittee at January and March meeting; implementing agencies developing final criteria
B)	Emphasis, priorities, and general approach to technical assistance and research	* Pending
C)	A process for refining Quantifiable Objectives	* Tech consultants continuing work on Quantifiable Objectives
D)	A framework to evaluate the cost effectiveness of urban BMPs and an Appropriate definition of "At Least As Effective As" for implementing urban BMPs	* California Urban Water Conservation Council working on technical approach; draft urban certification framework calls on process to be completed by end of 2003
E)	Methods and approaches for coordination among CALFED agencies and stakeholders	* Ongoing discussions with CALFED agency partners
F)	Review of CALFED annual report on WUE	* Pending; to be discussed with WUE Subcommittee meeting